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SUBJECT: LYNCH CONTINUES AS OPPOSITION LEADER

1. EX-PM JACK LYNCH ANNOUNCED AUG 31 THAT HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO SUBMIT HIS RESIGNATION AS LEADER OF FIANNA FAIL PARTY. HE HAD LEFT PARTY COLLEAGUES IN DOUBT SINCE AUGUST 14, WHEN HE SAID THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER HIS POSITION IN LIGHT OF HIS EMBARRASSING LAPSE OF MEMORY IN LITTLEJOHN SPY AFFAIR. NO ONE RUSHED FORWARD FOR HIS JOB. IT BECAME OBVIOUS -- PREDICTABLY -- THAT THERE WAS NOT YET AND ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE TO LYNCH, EITHER FOR HIS PARTY OR THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE. GOVT PARTIES WERE ALMOST AS CONCERNED AS FIANNA FAIL BY LYNCH'S HINT OF RESIGNATION, SINCE HIS LEADERSHIP OF OPPOSITION IS TAKEN AS A GUARANTEE OF MODERATE, BIPARTISAN POLICY TOWARDS NORTH.

2. LYNCH'S STATEMENT OF AUG 31, HOWEVER, ALSO CONFIRMS THAT HE HAS SOME PERSONAL INTEREST IN STEPPING DOWN FROM LEADERSHIP. STATEMENT IS GENERALLY BEING READ AS UNDATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO RETIRE AT A TIME MORE CONVENIENT FOR PARTY. SEARCH FOR A SUCCESSOR WILL THEREFORE CONTINUE. AT MOMENT, NEW COALITION GOVT IS PERFORMING WELL, AND ITS CHANCES FOR RE-ELECTION SEEM GOOD. IF THIS SITUATION CONTINUES,
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LEADERSHIP OF FIANNA FAIL IN NEXT GENERAL ELECTION COULD BE

THANKLESS TASK, AND LYNCH MIGHT NOT WANT TO SHOULDER THE
BURDEN. MOORE

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